Recycling of Rice for BPL Families in Orissa

1976. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Orissa there was recycling of rice meant for the BPL families as reported in the "New Indian Express," Bhubaneshwar dated the 16th June, 2001; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) to (b) According to the information received from Government of Orissa, there are stray allegations about recycling of BPL rice. Collectors, SPs and Vigilance Department have been instructed to remain alert on this matter and take immediate action including action under Prevention of Black Marketing Act. Raids are conducted on the premises of mills and godowns of rice millers.

Wheat Shipments to Iraq

1977. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wheat shipment sent by India to Iraq under "Food for Oil" arrangement during the last six months and the number of shipments rejected by Iraq on the plea that the quality was not upto the mark;

(b) whether wheat sent by India was not checked before its despatch;

(c) whether shipments were diverted to some other country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) Iraq has rejected all the four consignments of wheat sent from India during the last six months.